

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated August 11, 2005, typographical errors were noted in the substitute specification filed April 13, 2005, which have now been corrected.

Claims 15-18, 22 and 25-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as well as under 35 U.S.C. §101. Those claims also were rejected based on various combinations of the prior art of record. None of the above rejections was applied to claims 19, 23 or 24.

By the present Amendment, the subject matter of claim 19 has been embodied in independent claim 15, and claim 19 accordingly has been cancelled. Also, the subject matter of claim 23 has been embodied in independent claim 22, and claim 23 accordingly has been cancelled. The dependency of claim 24 has been revised in view of the cancellation of claim 23.

In view of the indicated allowability of the subject matter of claims 19 and 23, all claims of the application are submitted to be in condition for allowance for allowance.

Additionally, in order to perfect Applicant's claim for convention priority under 35 U.S.C. §119, Applicant herewith submits a certified translation of German Application 19958721.3, filed in the German Patent and Trademark Office on December 6, 1999. The certified copy of this priority document has already been filed in the Patent and Trademark Office.

The present Amendment merely corrects typographical errors, and rewrites dependent claims in independent form that have already been indicated to be allowable. The present Amendment therefore does not raise any new issues requiring further searching or consideration, and is properly enterable at this stage of

prosecution, after the final rejection. Entry of the Amendment and reconsideration of the application are therefore respectfully requested.

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